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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/784,666	Applicant(s) TAKAMATSU ET AL.	
	Examiner Varsha A. Kapadia	Art Unit 2651	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 February 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Priority Papers

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on Feb. 23, 2005 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Drawings Objection

Figures 1-3 are should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 6-12 and 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim et al (6,493,173).

With regards to claim 1, Kim et al discloses a method of recording eccentricity correction data for position control over a head on a disk having at least one user data area to record the user data, the method comprising step of recording the eccentricity correction data in a user data recording area (see figs. 2A-2B and 3 elements 28,34 disclosure thereof, col.4 lines 30-39, col.6 lines 33-44).

With regards to claim 2-3 and 6, Kim et al discloses that the eccentricity correction data are recorded for all cylinders on one or more sectors of the disk (see fig.6 element 76, figs. 2A-2B,3 elements 28A and 34 and disclosure thereof).

With regards to claim 4, Kim et al (on col.7 lines 23-44) discloses that the eccentricity correction data are recorded as initial eccentricity correction data, and the initial eccentricity correction data are updated during the operation.

With regards to claim 7, se fig.3 element 34, fig. 5A-5B and disclosure thereof.

With regards to claim 8, Kim et al shows in fig. 3 element 26 that the eccentricity correction data are recorded in a center area of the cylinder.

With regards to claims 17-18, the limitations recited in claims 17-18 are similar to that of limitations in claims 1-2 and therefore the rejection applied to claims 1-2 respectively above in this office action is also applied to claims 17-18, respectively for the same reasons of anticipation.

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With regards to claims 9-12,14-16 and 20, the recording medium and the apparatus recited in claims 9-12,14-19 and 20 corresponds to the method claims 1-4 and 6-8, therefore, the rejection applied to the method claims 1-4 and 6-8 above in this office action is also applied to claims 9-12,14-16 and 20 for the same reasons.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title; if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al (6,493,173) in view of Takaishi (2001/0030828 A1).

With regards to claims 5 and 13, Kim et al discloses the recording medium having eccentricity correction data recorded in the user data area as described above in this office action, but fails to further specify that the eccentricity correction data are recorded for each frequency component individually.

Takaishi however discloses such on paragraph [0019].

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time this invention was made to modify the data recording method/format of Kim et al with the above teaching from Takaishi to record the eccentricity correction data for each frequency without raising the

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sampling frequency in order to correct the eccentricity without reducing the storage capacity, as taught by Takaishi.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Varsha A. Kapadia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7557.


The examiner can normally be reached on Mon Tue and Thurs. from 6:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached on 571 272 7843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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